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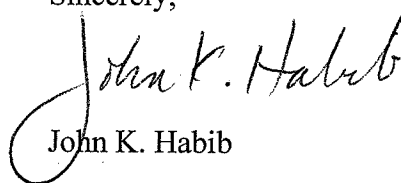
RE: Investigation Regarding the Assignment of Interstate Pipeline Capacity Pursuant to D.T.E. 98-32-B, D.T.E. 04-1

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Please find attached the responses of NSTAR Gas Company to the information requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") in the above-referenced proceeding listed on the accompanying page. Please note the Company will file a second supplemental response to Information Request DTE-LDC-1-7 on Friday, November 5, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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Responses to Information Requests Filed Herewith

DTE-LDC-1-6 (Second Supplemental)

DTE-LCD-1-8 (Supplemental)

DTE-LDC-1-11 (Supplemental)

Information Request DTE-LDC-1-6

Please provide information on reverse migration experienced by the Company during the period 1996-present on a seasonal basis (heating and non-heating seasons) as depicted in attached Table 2: "Reverse Migration"

Second Supplemental Response

The Company understands that, through the Department's question and through informal discussions with Department staff, the Department seeks reverse migration data for the Company during the period 1996-present, and, through its request to present such information pursuant to Table 2, also seeks such data to be itemized by Capacity Exempt and Non-Capacity Exempt customers. However, the Company's database was changed in the wake of the Company's merger in 1999 and, as such, does not maintain a historical record of customer migration, either in the format requested by the Department, or generally. Rather, the Company's database consists of a static record of the customers' marketers.

Accordingly, in the Company's initial response to this question on August 6, 2004, the Company analyzed its billing data for the then-previous 25-month period, which is the furthest back the Company maintains billing data for its customers. As a further update, the Company has performed a similar analysis of customer billing data from the past 25 billing cycles, as of October 22, 2004. The analysis indicated that there were 505 customer switches from alternative suppliers back to NSTAR system supply. The following table provides the breakdown of reverse migration by season.

NSTAR Gas Customer Reverse Migration Past Two Years

	Summer 02	Winter 02	Summer 03	Winter 03	Summer 04	Winter 04	Totals
From Supplier to NSTAR	34	1	200	95	84	91	505

These numbers reflect current status of 25 billing cycles of data as of 10/22/04.

Information Request DTE-LDC-1-8

Please compute the median time period of marketers, serving the Company' service territory, during the period 1996 to present.

Supplemental Response

As demonstrated below, the median time for all marketers that have served the Company's service territory is 44 months.

	Active Period		Months
	Entering Date	Exiting Date	
AllEnergy	03/1992	* Active, but exiting market	129
TexasOhio /Eprime	01/1992	08/1999	92
Enserch/TXU	02/1995	07/2002	90
Eastern	08/1990	03/1997	79
AGF	08/1994	10/2000	75
ComEnergy	11/1994	07/1999	56
Enron	11/1996	04/2002	65
Statoil	03/1997	06/2000	40
Wepco	04/1997	12/1998	20
Aurora	04/1997	10/1999	31
Energy Vision/ Williams	05/1997	12/2000	41
Xenergy	06/1997	06/1999	25
PG & E	09/1997	07/2000	35
Energy Express	09/1997	02/2000	30
Global Petroleum	01/1998	12/1998	12
Providence Energy	02/1998	12/2000	35
Columbia Energy	12/1998	05/2000	18

Select Energy	10/1999	Active	55
Reliant	07/1999	02/2001	19
Energy East Solutions	06/1999	Active	59
Southern/ Mirant	07/1999	Active	58
Sprague	07/1999	Active	58
Advanced	2000 off & on (served interruptibles)	2000	12
Metromedia	01/2000	Active	54
Amerada Hess	06/2000	Active	49
New England Energy	09/2000	11/2003	46
Multifuels	11/2002	11/2003	12
Global Energy	11/2003	Active	8
Median			44

Information Request DTE-LDC-1-11

Please provide information on switching activities (transfers from marketer to marketer) for the period 1996-present on a seasonal basis (heating and non-heating seasons) as it is depicted in attached Table 4: "Switching Activity"

Supplemental Response

The Company understands that, through the Department's question and through informal discussions with Department staff, the Department seeks customer switching data for the Company during the period 1996-present, and, through its request to present such information pursuant to Table 4, also seeks such data to be itemized by Capacity Exempt and Non-Capacity Exempt customers. However, the Company's database was changed in the wake of the Company's merger in 1999 and, as such, does not maintain a historical record of customer switching, either in the format requested by the Department, or generally. Rather, the Company's database consists of a static record of the customers' marketers.

Therefore, in an attempt to be responsive to the Department's inquiry, the Company analyzed customer billing data from the past 25 billing cycles (which is the furthest back the Company maintains billing data, as of October 22, 2004. The analysis indicated that there were 679 customer switches from alternative suppliers back other alternative suppliers. The following table provides the breakdown of customer switches by season.

NSTAR Gas Customer Switches for Past Two Years

	Summer 02	Winter 02	Summer 03	Winter 03	Summer 04	Winter 04	Totals
From One Alternative Supplier to Another Alternative Supplier	11	0	237	98	77	256	679

These numbers reflect current status of 25 billing cycles of data as of 10/22/04.